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UTILITY APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FEE TRANSMITTAL (1.53(b))

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For:

FEATURE MANAGER SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING COMMUNICATION AND  
SHARED FUNCTIONALITY AMONG COMPONENTS

Enclosed are:

[X] 37 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 20 page(s) of claims

[X] 12 sheets of drawing [ ] formal [X] informal (Figs. 1-11)

[X] 6 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

[ ] Unsigned

[X] Newly Executed

[ ] Copy from prior application

[ ] Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

[ ] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

[ ] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) of Sequence Listing

[ ] computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing

[ ] Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same

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- ☐ Claim for Priority
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☐ English translation documents
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Copy of \_\_\_\_ cited references
- ☐ Copy of PTO-1449 filed in parent application serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)
- ☐ Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.
- ☐ Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- ☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☐ A preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
- ☐ The status of the parent application is as follows:
- ☐ A Petition For Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.
- ☐ No Petition For Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.
- ☐ Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- ☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the patent application to this application.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## I. CALCULATION OF APPLICATION FEE (For Other Than A Small Entity)

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Total Claims	89	-20=	69	x\$18.00	\$1,242.00
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Multiple Dependent Claims					
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	[X] no		Add'l Fee =	NONE	

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- [X] A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$ 1,941.00.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$1,941.00 in payment of the application filing fees is attached.
- [ ] Charge Fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- [ ] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3802-4032. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Utility Application and Fee Transmittal (1.53(b)) (two copies); Check in the amount of \$1941.00 (Filing Fee);  
Patent Application (enclosing 37 pages of specification, 1 page of Abstract, 20 pages of claims, and total 12  
sheets of informal drawings, Figs. 1-11); Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status- Small Business  
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